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The International Bureau hereby transmits a copy of the amendments to the claims under Article 19 together with any accompanying statement (Rule 62).

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC <sub>7</sub> D21J 1/12, B27N 7/00		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).  These annexes consist of a total of <u>32</u> sheets.
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:  I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE00/00187

## I. Basis of the report

### 1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:\*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:  
 pages 1 - 4, as originally filed  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages 5, as amended (together with any statement) under article 19  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:  
 pages 1, as originally filed  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

### 3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

### 4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheet/fig \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

### 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

This statement is based on the claims filed as amended under Article 19.

The invention according to amended claim 1 relates to a method of continuously producing a lignocellulose-containing board. The aim of the claimed invention is to stabilise a board with respect to its moisture content, temperature and dimensional stability in a continuous process, and therewith avoid cost-inducing handling and storage of the board. For this purpose, the method possesses the features described in the characterising part of claim 1. The claimed invention also relates to an arrangement for carrying out the method.

The following documents are cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO 98/50208 A1  
D2: SE 504 638 C2

D1 discloses a method and an apparatus for treating a board-like material with a gaseous agent. The board-like material is taken into a treatment zone on a support with upper and lower compartments. The gaseous treatment agent is fed into the upper compartment under pressure while the lower compartment is connected to a vacuum pump. The gaseous agent passes through the board thickness. By controlling the pressure, temperature, moistures content and/or composition in the upper compartment, a desired effect can be achieved on the board-like material.

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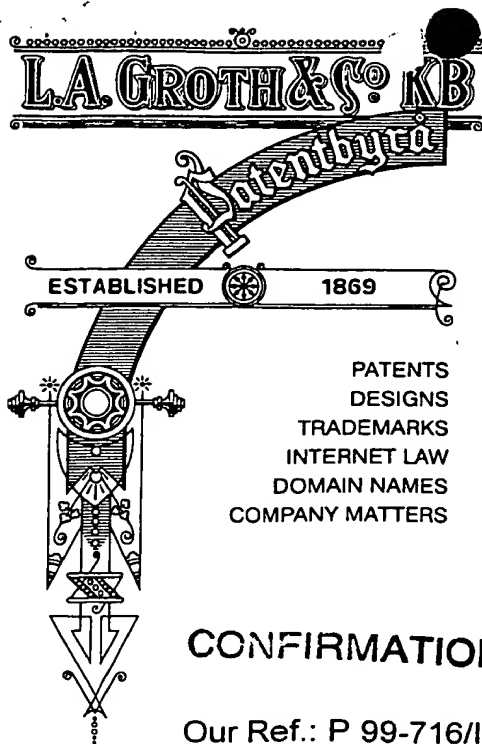
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D2 relates to a continuous production method for lignocellulosic fibreboards. The method involves passing a fibre mat through one or more compression rollers whilst steam is injected into the mat in order to cure and thicken the mat in one pass.

The documents do not disclose the special combination of features defined in the invention. According to the invention, a determined volume of air of given moisture content and temperature is drawn through the board in the after-conditioning zone by suction. The board is then ground to final thickness directly after having left the after-conditioning zone.

None of the cited documents, taken alone or in combination, reveals the invention defined in the amended claims 1-5. Furthermore, in the cited documents there are no suggestions leading a person skilled in the art towards the invention defined by amended claims 1-5. Therefore, the invention is novel, involves an inventive step and has industrial applicability.



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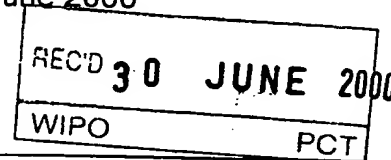
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Dear Sirs,

We would like to make use of the possibility according to Art. 19, Rule 46, to make a central amendment to the claims of the above mentioned application prior to its publication.

The amendments serve the purpose to more clearly specify the subject matter of the invention, and delimit the independent claims from prior art.

The amended claim 1 corresponds to the original claim 1 with the addition of the features of the original claim 4.

The amended claim 4 corresponds to the original claim 5, with the addition of the features of the original claim 7.

Amended claims 2, 3 and 5 correspond to the original claims 2, 3 and 6 respectively.

Please note that in all other aspects, the claims are unchanged.

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Encl.: Amended claims

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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: D21J 1/12, B27N 7/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: B27N, D21J

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 9850208 A1 (SUNDS DEFIBRATOR PANELHANDLING OY), 12 November 1998 (12.11.98), page 2, line 20 - line 37; page 5, line 7 - line 12, figure 1, claims 1,11, abstract	1-7
A	SE 504638 C2 (SUNDS DEFIBRATOR INDUSTRIES AB), 24 March 1997 (24.03.97), abstract	1-7

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☒ See patent family annex.

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- \*A- document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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